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Manufacture and sale of shark liver oil.

* 2370 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri C. H. Kanaran) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of shark liver oil produced by the Government Oil Factory, Kozhikode, during 1954–55;

(*b*) whether the oil produced in the factory is sold through private agencies; and

(*c*) if so, the name of such agencies and commission paid to them?

THE HON SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) 1,62,212½ lb.

(*b*) Yes, Sir, in addition to supply direct to hospitals.

(*c*) Messrs. Parry & Co., Ltd., Madras, are the sole agents for the sale of the products of the Government Oil Factory in the States of Madras, Andhra, Hyderabad, Mysore, Travancore-Cochin, West Bengal, Bihar, Assam and Orissa and the agency commission paid to the firm during 1954–55 was Rs. 16,800.

* 2371 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri C. H. Kanaran) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any restriction that the shark liver obtained from catches made by fishermen in the West Coast should not be sold to outsiders but only to the Government Fisheries department; and

(*b*) the price paid by Government for the shark livers.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) The price paid at present by Government for the shark livers is as follows :—

Size of livers in weight.	Rate per lb.		
LB.	RS.	A.	P.
1–5	0	2	0
6–10	0	2	6
11–20	0	3	0
21–30	0	3	6
31–40	0	4	6
41–50	0	5	0
Above 50	0	6	0